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The Honorable Darrel Steinberg Chair, Senate Rules Committee State Capitol, Room 205 Sacramento, CA 95814



Subject:

Confirmation of Mr. Phil Isenberg and Mr. Richard Roos-Collins

to the Delta Stewardship Council - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Steinberg:

On behalf of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), I am pleased to support the nomination of Mr. Phil Isenberg as Chair of the Delta Stewardship Council and Mr. Richard Roos-Collins as a member of the Delta Stewardship Council (Council).

Indeed, I am pleased to report that ACWA supports all seven individuals that now sit on the Council. We believe that the appointments by the Governor, the Senate and the Assembly are thoughtful and appropriate. Each of these individuals possesses a diverse background that will provide the necessary leadership to move the State of California into a new direction on water related issues.

Phil Isenberg brings decades of experience and knowledge of Delta issues, and led the Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force effort that was so central to last year's legislative accomplishments on water. Mr. Isenberg has a long, successful history of public service generally and managing complex policy issues specifically.

Richard Roos-Collins has very strong environmental credentials and has made a career of approaching resource issues in a way that works for the environment and the economy. That is exactly the perspective the council will need to meet its goals.

Randy Fiorini, a former ACWA president with more than 15 years of experience in water issues, brings not only a statewide view but also an upstream perspective that will be critical to the Council's success.

Hank Nordhoff will bring valuable experience as a business leader from Southern California and is a practical person who understands the importance of water to the industrial sector.

Former Sen, Patrick Johnston has decades of valuable experience representing the Delta and an extensive record of working for statewide solutions.

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These five individuals join Sacramento County Supervisor Don Nottoli, who will capably represent the Delta Protection Commission on the council, and Gloria Gray, a previously announced appointee by former Assembly Speaker Karen Bass who brings expertise from serving as a director of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and the West Basin Municipal Water District.

The members of the Delta Stewardship Council have already demonstrated that they are prepared to work expeditiously to accomplish their critical mission of implementing the historic Delta Legislative Package approved by the legislature last year. We have high expectations that these Council appointees will continue the momentum of the historic legislative package and the Delta Vision process to think outside the box and chart a new future for California water.

It is for these reasons that we strongly urge your "Aye" for all four gubernatorial appointees to the Delta Stewardship Council when brought before the Senate Rules Committee.

Sincerely,

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cc: Honorable Members of the Senate Rules Committee

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